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Iowa's citizens want to be safe in their communities. Iowans should feel they are buying the appropriate balance of incarceration, retribution, and rehabilitation from the *corrections system*.

Iowa's current *correctional system* uses a continuum of sanctions to place an offender into the appropriate level commensurate with the crime, offender risk, victims, and public safety factors.

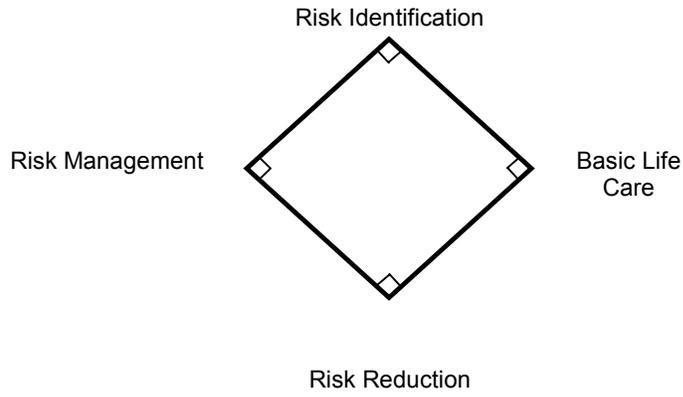
I want Iowa's Corrections system to be the best in the nation. The nation's best *corrections system* would provide the proper balance among five primary strategies dealing with the convicted population that is incarcerated or under supervision: Basic Life Care, Risk Identification, Risk Management, Risk Reduction (including educational programs), Resource Management.

This offer proposes to fund the DOC and District Departments of Correctional Services at levels necessary to provide sufficient resources for five critical building blocks:

- Basic Life Care. Constitutional guarantees of medical care, life-safety, food, sanitary housing, etc., for offenders in prisons and residential facilities.
- Risk Identification. Data-based decisions to determine optimal placement in Iowa's corrections continuum.
- Risk Management. Provision of proper security and supervision of offenders to ensure the public safety and to hold offenders accountable for their actions.
- Risk Reduction (including educational programs). Targeted services to improve the State's return on investment of corrections dollars. Such targeted services promote safety in Iowa's communities by reducing recidivism and victimization.
- Resource Management. The ability to provide statewide management of resources ensures fair distribution of dollars, provides consistency in policies and practices, and takes advantage of economies of scale where available.

The mission of the Iowa Department of Corrections is to:
Protect the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders

You can look at this like building blocks which form a baseball diamond. While the first three cover the bases, only Risk Reduction hits a home run. To significantly improve the State's return on investment in Corrections spending.



The ideal *corrections system* meets the personal needs of the victims, compliments the inherent responsibility of the adjudication process, and is funded within the financial investment capability and desire of the taxpayer and citizen.

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